AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A virtual machine interface for a separate reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus;

said reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus comprising a plurality of hardware kernels, wherein each hardware kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function ~~and is capable of running simultaneously with any of the plurality of kernels~~; and

said object oriented virtual machine interface comprising a plurality of software objects including a first subset of said software objects, each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with a different hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels so that a change to a software object in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said hardware kernel associated with said software object.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein said plurality of software objects includes a second subset of said software objects, each software object in said second subset of said software objects having at least one adjustable attribute.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 2 wherein said at least one adjustable attribute is a static or dynamic attribute.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein a hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels is configurable in accordance with a communication protocol.

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Claim 5 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 4 wherein said selected communication protocol is a CDMA (code division multiple access) protocol.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 4 wherein said communication protocol is selected from the group consisting of IS-95 CDMA, IS-95B CDMA, CDMA TIA IS2000, TIA IS 2000A, wideband CDMA (WCDMA), cdma2000, and ARIB-WCDMA.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 4 wherein said selected communication protocol is a time division multiple access (TDMA) protocol.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 7 wherein said communication protocol is IS-136 TDMA.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is a searcher object, a code generation unit object or a finger object.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is a matched filter object or a combiner object.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is an uplink object or a downlink object.

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Claim 12 (Currently amended): An object-oriented virtual machine interface for a reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus,

said reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus comprising:

a plurality of hardware kernels;

said object-oriented virtual machine interface comprising a plurality of software objects including a first subset of said software objects, each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with a different hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels so that a change to a software object in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said hardware kernel associated with said software object;

said plurality of software objects comprising a searcher object, a code generation unit object, a finger object, a matched filter object, a combiner object, an uplink object and a downlink object; and

said plurality of hardware kernels comprising a searcher kernel, a code generation unit kernel, a finger kernel, a matched filter kernel, a combiner kernel, an uplink kernel and a downlink kernel; wherein:

said searcher object is associated with said searcher kernel;

said code generation unit object is associated with said code generation unit kernel;

said finger object is associated with said finger kernel;

said matched filter object is associated with said matched filter kernel; said combiner object is associated with said combiner kernel;

said uplink object is associated with said uplink kernel; and

said downlink object is associated with said downlink kernel.

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Claim 13 (Currently Amended):   A reconfigurable system comprising a virtual machine interface, a virtual machine and a separate reconfigurable apparatus,

said reconfigurable apparatus coupled to said virtual machine and comprising a plurality of <u>hardware</u> kernels, wherein each <u>hardware</u> kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function ~~and is capable of running simultaneously with any of the plurality of kernels~~; and

said virtual machine interface coupled to said virtual machine and comprising a plurality of software objects including a first subset of said software objects, each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with a different <u>hardware</u> kernel in said plurality of <u>hardware</u> kernels such that a change to a software object in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said <u>hardware</u> kernel associated with said software object.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein said plurality of software objects includes a second subset of said software objects, each software object in said second subset of said software objects having at least one adjustable attribute.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 14 wherein said at least one adjustable attribute is a static or dynamic attribute.

Claim 16 (Previously presented):   The reconfigurable system of claim 13 further comprising:

an application program interface comprising a plurality of software routines, each software routine in said plurality of software routines representing a different communication

protocol, wherein said plurality of software routines comprise software calls to said plurality of

software objects; and

an application program comprising software calls to said plurality of software routines.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 16 further

comprising:

a compiler within said virtual machine to translate said application program into machine-

readable instructions executable on said reconfigurable system.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): The reconfigurable system of claim 17 further

comprising:

a resource allocator within said reconfigurable system, said resource allocator configured

to receive said machine-readable instructions and issue a signal to configure a hardware kernel in

said plurality of hardware kernels.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 further

comprising:

an application program for utilizing said plurality of software objects.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 19 further

comprising:

a compiler within said virtual machine to translate said application program into machine-

readable instructions executable on said reconfigurable system.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The reconfigurable system of claim 20 further comprising:

a resource allocator configured to receive said machine-readable instructions, and issue a command signal to control a hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is a searcher object, a code generation unit object, a finger object, an uplink object or a downlink object.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): An object-oriented reconfigurable system comprising an object-oriented virtual machine interface, a virtual machine, and a reconfigurable apparatus,

said reconfigurable apparatus coupled to said virtual machine and comprising a plurality of hardware kernels;

said object-oriented virtual machine interface coupled to said virtual machine and comprising a plurality of software objects including a first subset of said software objects, each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with a different hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels such that a change to a software object in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said hardware kernel associated with said software object;

said plurality of software objects in said first subset of said software objects comprising a searcher object, a code generation unit object, a finger object, a matched filter object, a combiner object, an uplink object and a downlink object; and

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said plurality of <u>hardware</u> kernels comprising a searcher kernel, a code generation unit kernel, a finger kernel, a matched filter kernel, a combiner kernel, an uplink kernel and a downlink kernel; wherein:

said searcher object is associated with said searcher kernel;

said code generation unit object is associated with said code generation unit kernel;

said finger object is associated with said finger kernel;

said matched filter object is associated with said matched filter kernel;

said combiner object is associated with said combiner kernel;

said uplink object is associated with said uplink kernel; and

and said downlink object is associated with said downlink kernel.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): An object-oriented reconfigurable system comprising an object-oriented virtual machine interface, a virtual machine and a reconfigurable apparatus,

said reconfigurable apparatus coupled to said virtual machine and comprising a plurality of <u>hardware</u> kernels; and

said object-oriented virtual machine interface coupled to said virtual machine and comprising a plurality of software objects including a first subset of said software objects, each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with a different <u>hardware</u> kernel in said plurality of <u>hardware</u> kernels such that a change to a software object in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said <u>hardware</u> kernel associated with said software object, wherein said plurality of <u>hardware</u> kernels comprise a searcher kernel, a code generation unit kernel, a finger kernel, an uplink kernel and a downlink kernel.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein a hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels is configured to operate under a CDMA protocol.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 25 wherein said CDMA protocol is selected from the group consisting of IS-95 CDMA, IS-95B CDMA, CDMA TIA IS2000, TIA IS 2000A, wideband CDMA (WCDMA), cdma2000, and ARIB WCDMA.

Claim 27 (Currently amended): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein a hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels is configured to operate under a TDMA protocol.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 27 wherein said TDMA protocol is IS-136 TDMA.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A method of communication using a virtual machine interface and a separate reconfigurable multi-protocol communication apparatus, said reconfigurable multi-protocol communication apparatus including a plurality of kernels and an interconnect structure for interconnecting said plurality of kernels, said method comprising:

creating a plurality of software objects, each software object in said plurality of software objects corresponding to a different kernel in said plurality of kernels, wherein each kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function and is capable of running simultaneously with any of the plurality of kernels;

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assigning an attribute value to a software object in said plurality of software objects .in accordance with a communication protocol; and

configuring the kernel associated with said software object in accordance with said attribute value.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 29 wherein at least two software objects in said plurality of software objects have a hierarchical relationship.

Claim 31 (Original): The method of claim 29 further comprising developing an application program that includes software calls to said plurality of software objects.

Claim 32 (Original): The method of claim 31 further comprising developing a software virtual machine to process said application program.

Claim 33 (Original): The method of claim 32 further comprising translating said application program into a program executable on said software virtual machine.

Claim 34 (Original): The method of claim 33 further comprising issuing, from said software virtual machine, an instruction for controlling a kernel in said plurality of kernels.

Claim 35 (Original) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

forming an application program interface comprising a plurality of software routines, said plurality of software routines representing a plurality of communication protocols, wherein said plurality of software routines comprise software calls to said plurality of software objects.

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Claim 36 (Original): The method of claim 29 further comprising developing an application program comprising software calls to said plurality of software routines.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A computer program product for a reconfigurable apparatus comprising a plurality of kernels and an interconnect structure for interconnecting said plurality of kernels, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein, the computer program mechanism comprising:

instructions for instantiating a plurality of software objects, each software object in said plurality of software objects corresponding to a different kernel in said plurality of kernels such that a change to said software object results in a change in a state of said corresponding different kernel, wherein each kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function ~~and is capable of running simultaneously with any of the plurality of kernels;~~

instructions for assigning an attribute value to a first software object in said plurality of objects according to a communication protocol; and

issuing machine-readable instructions to configure the kernel associated with said first software object in accordance with said attribute value.

Claim 38 (Original): The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the computer program mechanism further comprising instructions for:

instantiating a plurality of software routines from an application program interface, said plurality of software routines representing a plurality of standards, wherein said plurality of software routines comprise software calls to said plurality of software objects.

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Claim 39 (Original): The computer program product of claim 37 wherein said plurality of software objects comprise:

a searcher object;

a code generation unit object;

a finger object;

an uplink object; and

a downlink object.

Claim 40 (Previously presented): A computer program product for a reconfigurable apparatus comprising a plurality of kernels and an interconnect structure for interconnecting said plurality of kernels, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein, the computer program mechanism comprising:

instructions for instantiating a plurality of software objects, each software object in said plurality of software objects corresponding to a different kernel in said plurality of kernels such that a change to said software object results in a change in a state of said corresponding different kernel;

instructions for assigning an attribute value to a first software object in said plurality of objects according to a communication protocol; and

issuing machine-readable instructions to configure the kernel associated with said first software object in accordance with said attribute value,

wherein said plurality of software objects comprise a searcher object, a code generation unit object, a finger object, an uplink object, and a downlink object, and

wherein said plurality of kernels comprise a searcher kernel, a code generation unit

kernel, a finger kernel, an uplink kernel and a downlink kernel respectively corresponding to said

searcher object, said code generation unit object, said finger object, said uplink object and said

downlink object, respectively.

Claim 41 (Original): A computer program product of claim 39 wherein said

communication protocol is CDMA.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): An apparatus to facilitate wireless communication,

comprising a hardware reconfigurable and software programmable processor responsive to a

predetermined virtual machine interface.

Claim 43 (Previously presented): A method for reconfiguring a wireless network

communication apparatus having a plurality of kernels, the method comprising:

parsing an application program that designates a communication protocol;

producing machine readable data capable of reconfiguring said reconfigurable wireless

network communication apparatus in accordance with said communication protocol; and

providing a virtual machine interface, which is separate from the wireless network

communication apparatus, having a plurality of software objects, each software object in said

plurality of software objects associated with a different kernel in said plurality of kernels so that a

change to a software object in said plurality of software objects results in a change in said kernel

associated with said software object,

wherein each kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function and is capable

of running simultaneously with any of the plurality of kernels, and

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wherein said machine readable data includes a first software object selected from said plurality of software objects.

Claim 44 (Canceled)

Claim 45 (Previously Presented):   The method of claim 43 wherein said first software object is a function or procedure.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended):   A computer program product for use in conjunction with a reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus having a plurality of kernels, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein, the computer program mechanism comprising:

a program module for reconfiguring said reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus comprising:

instructions for parsing an application program that designates a communication protocol; and

instructions for producing machine readable data capable of reconfiguring said reconfigurable network communication apparatus in accordance with said communication protocol;

the computer program product further comprising a virtual machine module, which is separate from the reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus, comprising a plurality of software objects, each software object in said plurality of software objects associated with a different kernel in said plurality of kernels so that a change to a software object in said

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plurality of software objects results in a change in said kernel associated with said software

object,

wherein each kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function ~~and is capable~~

~~of running simultaneously with any of the plurality of kernels~~, and

wherein said machine readable data include a first software object selected from said

plurality of software objects.

Claim 47 (canceled)

Claim 48 (Previously Presented):   The computer program product of claim 46 wherein

said first software object is a function or procedure.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented):   The method of claim 29 wherein a software object

in said plurality of software objects is associated with at least two kernels in said plurality of

kernels.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented):   The method of claim 29 wherein at least two kernels

in said plurality of kernels are associated with the same software object in said plurality of

software objects.

Claim 51 (Previously presented):   The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein a

software object in said plurality of software objects is associated with at least two kernels in said

plurality of kernels.

Claim 52 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein at least two kernels in said plurality of kernels are associated with the same software object in said plurality of software objects.

Claim 53 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is a searcher object or a finger object.

Claim 54 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is a matched filter object.

Claim 55 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 13 wherein a software object in said plurality of software objects is a searcher object, a finger object, an uplink object or a downlink object.

Claim 56 (Currently amended): The virtual machine interface of claim 1, wherein the kernels ~~may be~~are configured for different parameters dynamically.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): The reconfigurable system of claim 13, wherein the kernels ~~may be~~are configured for different parameters dynamically.

Claim 58 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 29, wherein the kernels ~~may be~~are configured for different parameters dynamically.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the kernels ~~may be~~are configured for different parameters dynamically.

Claim 60: (Currently Amended): The method of claim 43, wherein the kernels ~~may be~~are configured for different parameters dynamically.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the kernels ~~may be~~are configured for different parameters dynamically.

Claim 62 (Currently Amended): The virtual machine interface of claim 1, wherein the software objects ~~may be~~are updated according to the states of their associated kernels dynamically.

Claim 63 (Currently Amended): The reconfigurable system of claim 13, wherein the software objects ~~may be~~are updated according to the states of their associated kernels dynamically.

Claim 64 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 29, wherein the software objects ~~may be~~are updated according to the states of their associated kernels dynamically.

Claim 65 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the software objects ~~may be~~are updated according to the states of their associated kernels dynamically.

Claim 66: (Currently Amended): The method of claim 43, wherein the software objects ~~may be~~are updated according to the states of their associated kernels dynamically.

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the software objects ~~may be~~are updated according to the states of their associated kernels dynamically.

Claim 68 (Previously presented): The virtual machine interface of claim 1, wherein a change in a kernel of said plurality of kernels results in a change in the software object associated with that kernel.

Claim 69 (Previously presented): The reconfigurable system of claim 13, wherein a change in a kernel of said plurality of kernels results in a change in the software object associated with that kernel.

Claim 70 (Previously presented): The method of claim 29, further comprising updating an attribute value of a software object in said plurality of software objects in accordance with a change in a state of the kernel associated with that software object.

Claim 71 (Previously Presented): The computer program product of claim 37, further comprising:

instructions for updating an attribute value of a software object of said plurality of software objects in accordance with a change in a state of the kernel associated with that software object; and

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instructions for updating a software object of said plurality of software objects in accordance with a change in the state of the kernel associated with that software object.

Claim 72: (Previously presented): The method of claim 43, further comprising, in response to a change in a kernel of said plurality of kernels, changing the software object associated with that kernel.

Claim 73 (Previously Presented): The computer program product of claim 46, further comprising instructions for, in response to a change in a kernel of said plurality of kernels, changing the software object associated with that kernel.

Claim 74. (New): A communication system comprising:

said reconfigurable wireless network communication apparatus comprising a plurality of hardware kernels, wherein each hardware kernel is designed to perform a specific processing function; and

a virtual machine interface comprising a plurality of software objects including a first subset of said software objects, each software object in said first subset of said software objects associated with a different hardware kernel in said plurality of hardware kernels so that a change to a software object in said first subset of said software objects results in a change in said hardware kernel associated with said software object.

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